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TAGS: PINS, PINT, CB

SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON GRUNK'S MOVE TO CAMBODIA

1. SHOULD UNGA DELEGATIONS OR DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES  
AT OTHER POSTS QUERY US ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE  
DECISION TO MOVE GRUNK MINISTERS TO CAMBODIA, WE RECOMMEND  
THAT THE FOLLOWING POINTS BE MADE:

(A) THIS APPEARS TO BE SIMPLY AN ATTEMPT TO HIDE  
GRUNK BLEMISHES BEFORE UNGA VOTE ON KHMER CREDENTIALS.

(B) THE ONLY "MINISTER" WHOSE RETURN HAS YET BEEN  
ANNOUNCED IS IENG SARY. HE HAS NO PORTFOLIO, HOLDS IN  
FACT THE POSITION OF "MINISTER ATTACHED TO THE PRESIDENCY",  
AND IS THUS ABANDONING HIS MINISTERIAL FUNCTIONS BY  
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RETURNING TO CAMBODIA. SIHANOUK HAS MADE NO SECRET

OF HIS DISTASTE FOR IENG SARY AND HAS FRANKNESS ON THIS  
SCORE WAS UNDOUBTEDLY ANOTHER REASON FOR IENG SARY'S  
DEPARTURE.

(C) NO MINISTERS HAVE YET BEEN NAMED TO REPLACE  
THOSE WHO ARE LOSING THEIR POSITIONS BY REMAINING ABROAD.

(D) ALTHOUGH DESIGNED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT GRUNK  
IS NOT A GOVERNMENT IN EXILE, AN ARRANGEMENT WHICH FORMALIZES  
THE SEPARATION OF THE "CHIEF OF STATE" FROM HIS  
COUNTRY AND GOVERNMENT ONLY SERVES TO CONFIRM SIHANOUK'S  
ADMITTED LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH AN CONTROL OVER  
THE INSURGENT FORCES IN CAMBODIA.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS.  
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